

Interpretive

Pokagon State Park

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Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.

Come take a ride on The Lonidaw, a replica of a 1902 model electric boat built by Elco. Guests are taken on a 45-minute leisurely tour of the first basin of Lake James where they hear the history of the lake and Pokagon State Park. The boat launches on weekends (during the morning hours and late afternoons). Prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children under 12. See Inn for details.



Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...

Programs designed to entertain and educate folks of all ages!

Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at:

www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

Friday September 1

- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** Come to the Nature Center to find out the requirements for becoming a Smokey's Friend (5 to 7 years old), Jr. Naturalist (8 years old and up), and Hoosier Ecologist (Jr. Naturalist Graduates). Or continue working on your special projects or identification quizzes. We meet one hour every day to get you started or help you as you are working along. No groups please. DH
- 7:30pm **Sunset Stroll.** Gather at the Campers' Store Parking Lot Bulletin Board for an evening walk to wind up the day. We'll head down to the beach and walk Trail 5 along the lake and then pick up the group camp road back to the Campers' Store. Hopefully the night will be clear for a sunsational view! BB

Saturday September 2

- 10:00am **Way Down Yonder in the Paw Paw Patch!** Meet at the Spring Shelter. From there, we'll hike up to Snow Lake and do most of Trail 2, including a walk through the paw paw patch. Will we find any of the Indiana bananas? If you are driving from the Inn, parking is available above the shelter. BB
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Friday, September 1, for details. BB
- 3:00pm **Nature Scavenger Hunt!** Grab the family and meet at the Nature Center Program Area for a scavenger hunt with a natural twist! It's a great way to end an already fun day at Pokagon. We'll meet inside the Nature Center Auditorium in case of inclement weather. DH



Sunday September 3

- 8:00am **End of Summer Saunter!** Join us on this last unofficial day of summer for our traditional Labor Day morning bird walk! We'll start from the Inn Sun Deck and hike a refreshing loop past the gatehouse and back. Bring binoculars if you have some or borrow a pair of ours for any migrating birds. We'll be out for just over an hour. FW
- 9:45am **Informal Church Service at the Campground Amphitheater.**
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop on by the Nature Center Auditorium for an informal hour of amazement! Watch them eat, or maybe feed them yourselves! DH
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Friday, September 1, for details. BB
- 3:00pm **Late Summer Flora.** Meet at the Nature Center for an hour or so stroll through our nearby fields and forests, looking for the flowers and plants still churning out life this late in the season. Join us! FW
- 7:30pm **Campfire Tonight!** It's our last gathering around our fire of friendship for some sharing of song, story, and good ol' fun of the season! Bring some marshmallows (and toasting sticks or forks) for toasting over the hot coals afterwards. It all takes place at the Campground Amphitheater! Parking is available at Campground Parking Lot for those coming from the Inn. BB

More Programs on the Back!

Check at Nature Center for Fall Hours after Labor Day.

Interpretive Programs and other park events... cont d

Monday September 4 Labor Day

- 7:30am **End of Summer Saunter II.** See Sunday, September 2, for details. FW
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Friday, September 1, for details. DH

Friday September 8

- 8:45pm **Reflections on the Moon.** Come to the Potawatomi Inn Front Lawn and relax as night falls with a special talk and poems written and read by Indiana Poet Laureate Joyne Brinkman. The subject will be the ever-fascinating moon, which later will appear over the woods to the east, and if the sky is clear, will cap off the evening in a wonderful display! Bring lawn chairs or blankets for this free program. In case of rain, the program will take place in the Potawatomi Lonidaw Lounge.

Saturday September 9

- 10:00am **INShape Indiana Walk.** Throughout the state, State Parks & Reservoirs will be hosting these special fitness walks to promote a healthy lifestyle while featuring natural sights along the trails. Join Park Manager Ted Bohman and Park Interpreter Fred Wooley on the first guided walk over Trail 9. We will meet in the Youth Tent Area in the campgrounds. From there we will walk 2.7 miles of rolling hills, woodlands, and wetlands. Plan on up and down walking. Dress appropriately! Register in advance at www.INSHAPE.IN.gov to receive the property admission coupon for the day. Join us!
- Noon to 3pm **Solar Observations.** A special daytime astronomical program co-hosted with the Astronomical Society of Hillsdale County. Stop by the Nature Center any time between Noon to 3pm and view the sun through a special hydrogen alpha telescope. Program obviously weather (clear sky) dependant. Call the park Nature Center at 833-2012 to check program status.
- 3:00pm **Late Afternoon in the Wetlands!** Lake Lonidaw is a beautiful spot anytime of day, but especially nice when the late afternoon sun slants across the pier and out over the lake and surrounding wetlands. Join us at the Inn Main Entrance for a short, pre-dinner walk down to the lakes and wetlands. DH

Sunday September 10

- 8:00am **Early Autumn Birding.** See 8:00am Sunday, September 3, for details. FW
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** See 10:30 Sunday, September 10, for details. DH DH

Saturday September 16

- 10:00am **The Hawk Hike.** September is good time to watch for migrating hawks. Join the interpreter at the Spring Shelter for a 1 1/2 hour hike to Hell s Point and back. We ll stop on top to watch for any migrating kettles of hawks overhead. Join us! BB
- 2:00pm **Leaf it Be!** A very simple, little craft involving paper, crayons, and leaves! Join us in the Nature Center Program Area for a look at how you can create a little art for hanging, note cards, placemats, etc DH



Sunday September 17

- 8:00am **The Fall Migration.** See 8:00am Sunday, September 10, for details. BB
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** See 10:30 Sunday, September 10, for details. DH

Saturday September 23

Welcome Geocachers to the 2nd Annual Pokagon Cacher s Campout!

- 11:00am **Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West.** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for our small screen version of this very popular IMAX /National Geographic Theater movie! Today marks the 200th anniversary of their return to St. Louis! Showtime is approximately 45 minutes. Seating is first come first serve and is limited. Don t miss out!
- 2:00pm **Autumn Aura- A world of Color!** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for an arm chair slideshow tour of the fall colors and scenes about to spread over Pokagon. Door prizes, join us! FW

Sunday September 24

SeaPlane Fly in this morning at the Potawatomi Inn from 8am -2pm.

- 8:00am **Fresh Air Walk.** See 8:00am Sunday, September 3, for details. BB

Saturday September 30

- 10:00am **Wetland Wander.** Meet at the Inn Main Entrance for a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. We ll explore the fall plants and animals of this special habitat. FW
- 2:00pm **An Apple A Day!** Fall and apples seem to go together like pumpkins and Halloween. Come to the Nature Center Program Area and try your hand at making applesauce over an open fire, sample some spiced cider, test your apple knowledge, and learn what types of animals enjoy apples. It s sure to be a tasty time! BB
- 7:30pm ***A Special Pokagon Autumn Weekend Event: An Autumn Harvest Hoedown!***
An annual tradition stays alive at Pokagon as we will be gathering tonight in the South Beach Parking Lot for some music, square dancing, a campfire, and an all around great time! The music will be supplied by The Prairie Fire String Band. A square dance caller will lead you along. The dancing is for everyone, from the very beginner to the experienced. In case of inclement weather, we ll be in the CCC Shelter. Local Boy Scout Troop 125 will be on hand to sell hotdogs, bratwurst, candy, pop, and cocoa. Great for the whole family!

Sunday October 1

- 8:00am **Early Morning Meander.** See 8:00am Sunday, September 3, for details. BB